

is not being claimed in any of the following claims. It is the signal sent to or received by the listing party's computer or the querying party's computer that is claimed, not the computers themselves. As to claims that recited a signal being received by a given computer, a signal that is not received by said given component falls outside the scope of the claim. The  
5 computer *itself* however does not form an element of the claim. Rather, receipt or generation of the signal by a computer is meant to be a limitation on the element of that particular signal. In claims where signals are received or generated by computers having web browsers and modems, it is only the signal the signal that is claimed, and not the computer having a web browser and modem.

10 Thus, as to a "querying signal generated by a querying party," it is the querying signal *itself* and not the querying party that is claimed. The "querying party" is recited to indicate the source of the signal. The limitation "generated by a querying party" serves to show that the element of a "querying signal" is limited to those querying signals that are in some way generated by a querying party. A "querying signal" not in some way generated by a querying  
15 party would fall outside the scope of the claim.

Also, as to the term "a query notification signal that notifies the listing party," the query notification is claimed but not the listing party. The "listing party" is present in the claim language to state where the query notification signal is directed. The limitation of "that notifies the listing party" is included to show that only those query notification signals  
20 capable of notifying the listing party fall within the scope of the claim language. However, the "listing party" is not claimed as an element itself.

Likewise, as to "a personal contact information signal generated by the bridge web site server sent to the querying party," the "personal contact information signal generated by the bridge web site" is claimed, not the querying party. However, "a personal contact

information signal generated by the bridge web site server” that is not somehow directly or indirectly sent to the querying party would not fall within the scope of the claims.

Likewise, as to the “consent/no consent signal from the listing party” the purpose of the recitation of the “listing party” is to indicate the source of the consent/no consent signal,  
5 not to claim the listing party themselves.

The term “computer” used in the claims means any electrical or electronic device or combination of electrical or electronic devices that receives, processes, and presents data.

The term “comprising” in the following claims means to be made up of the recited elements and limitations and is intended to read-on devices or methods that contain all the  
10 elements and limitations, regardless as to whether the device or method contains additional elements or limitations not specifically claimed. Except for claims 129 and 130, none of the following claims invokes paragraph 6 of 35 U.S.C. § 112 so as to be interpreted as being in means-plus-function or step-plus-function format.

15 I claim:

1. A web-based personal contact information system comprising:

a bridge web site server located on the Internet; said bridge web site server comprising  
20 any computer, sub-component of a computer, or group of computers, or any combination thereof, that possesses the capacity of maintaining a client/server environment on the Internet;

said bridge web site server having a personal contact information directory database that  
25 is capable of storing personal contact information of a listing party;

said bridge web site server receiving a querying signal generated by a querying party; said querying signal comprising one or more signals sent in any sequence or simultaneously from the querying party that embodies both a request for the personal contact information of the listing party and also embodies a communication of identifying information about the querying party, regardless as to whether the querying signal is modified or altered along its path from the querying party to the bridge web site server;

said bridge web site server having a registration facility; said registration facility comprising a device capable of receiving the querying party's personal contact information embodied in the querying signal, storing the querying party's personal contact information, and transmitting it to the listing party;

said bridge web site server generating a query notification signal that notifies the listing party that there has been a query for the personal contact information of the listing party; said query notification signal notifying the listing party of the communication of identifying information of the listing party; said query notification signal comprising one or more signals sent in any sequence or simultaneously to the listing party that embodies both a request for the personal contact information of the listing party and also embodies a communication of identifying information about the querying party, regardless as to whether the querying notification signal is modified or altered along its path to the listing party.

2. The web-based personal contact information system of claim 1 further comprising said bridge web site server receiving a consent/no consent signal from the listing

party; said consent/no consent signal directing the bridge web site server as to what, if any, information stored in the personal contact information directory database is to be sent to the querying party; said consent/no consent signal comprising one or more signals sent in any sequence or simultaneously from the listing party to the bridge web site server that embodies an instruction as to what personal contact information, if any, is to be sent to the querying party, regardless as to whether the consent/no consent signal is modified or altered along its path from the listing party to the bridge web site server.

3. The web-based personal contact information system of claim 3 further comprising a personal contact information signal generated by the bridge web site server sent to the querying party; said personal contact information signal containing the personal contact information of the listing party that was directed to be sent to the querying party according to dictates of the consent/no consent signal generated by the listing party; said personal contact information signal comprising one or more signals sent in any sequence or simultaneously to the querying party that embodies the personal contact information that is to be sent to the querying party, regardless as to whether the personal contact information signal is modified or altered along its path from the listing party to the bridge web site server.

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4. The web-based personal contact information system of claim 3 wherein the bridge web site server is capable of generating a bridge web site that may be accessed by the querying party.

5. The web-based personal contact information system of claim 4 wherein both the querying signal and the consent/no consent signal follows the TCP/Internet Protocol.

6. The web-based personal contact information system of claim 3 further comprising:

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the personal contact information database containing an e-mail address of the listing party;

the personal contact information signal sent to the querying party containing the e-mail address of the listing party pursuant to the instruction of the consent/no consent signal generated by the listing party.

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7. The web-based personal contact information system of claim 3 further comprising:

the personal contact information database containing a telephone number of the listing party;

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the personal contact information signal sent to the querying party containing the telephone number of the listing party pursuant to the instruction of the consent/no consent signal generated by the listing party.

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8. The web-based personal contact information system of claim 3 further comprising:

the personal contact information database containing a street address of the listing party;

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the personal contact information signal sent to the querying party containing the street address of the listing party pursuant to the instruction of the consent/no consent signal generated by they listing party.

5 9. The web-based personal contact information system of claim 3 further comprising:

the personal contact information database containing a fax number of the listing party;

10 the personal contact information signal sent to the querying party containing the fax number of the listing party pursuant to the instruction of the consent/no consent signal generated by they listing party.

10. The web-based personal contact information system of claim 3 further comprising:

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the personal contact information database containing a pager number of the listing party;

the personal contact information signal sent to the querying party containing the  
20 pager number of the listing party pursuant to the instruction of the consent/no consent signal generated by they listing party.

11. The web-based personal contact information system of claim 3 further comprising:

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the personal contact information database containing a time and place that the listing party will be available;

the personal contact information signal sent to the querying party containing the time  
5 and place that the listing party will be available pursuant to the instruction of the consent/no consent signal generated by the listing party.

12. The web-based personal contact information system of claim 3 wherein the querying signal received by the bridge web site server is generated by the querying party using a  
10 querying party's computer.

13. The web-based personal contact information system of claim 3 further comprising:

the bridge web site server capable of generating a bridge web site that may be accessed by the  
15 querying party;

the querying signal received by the bridge web site server being generated by the querying party using a querying party's computer equipped with a web browser and modem for accessing the bridge web site; said modem of the querying party's computer comprising of  
20 any device that allows one computer to communicate with a remote computer.

14. The web-based personal contact information system of claim 3 further comprising:

the bridge web site server capable of generating a bridge web site that may be accessed by the listing party;

5 the consent/no consent signal received by the bridge web site server being generated by the listing party using a listing party's computer having a web browser and modem for accessing the bridge web site; said modem of the listing party's comprising of any device that allows one computer to communicate with a remote computer.

15. The web-based personal contact information system of claim 3 further  
10 comprising:

the bridge web site server capable of generating a bridge web site that may be accessed by the querying party;

15 the querying signal received by the bridge web site server being generated by the querying party using a querying party's computer having a web browser and modem for accessing the bridge web site; said modem of the querying party's computer comprising of any device that allows one computer to communicate with a remote computer;

20 the consent/no consent signal received by the bridge web site server being generated by the listing party using a listing party's computer having a web browser and modem for accessing the bridge web site; said modem of the listing party's comprising of any device that allows one computer to communicate with a remote computer.



16. The web-based personal contact information system of claim 3 further comprising:

the bridge web site server capable of generating a bridge web site that may be accessed by  
5 the querying party;

the querying signal received by the bridge web site server being generated by the querying party using a querying party's computer having a web browser and modem for accessing the bridge web site; said modem of the querying party's computer comprising of any device  
10 that allows one computer to communicate with a remote computer;

the consent/no consent signal received by the bridge web site server being generated by the listing party using a listing party's computer having a web browser and modem for accessing the bridge web site; said modem of the listing party's comprising of any device  
15 that allows one computer to communicate with a remote computer;

said querying signal, consent/no consent signal, personal contact information signal and query notification signal following the TCP/Internet Protocol.

20 17. The web-based personal contact information system of claim 3 wherein the registration facility of the bridge web site server stores a name of the querying party and transmits it as a part of the query notification signal to the listing party.

18. The web-based personal contact information system of claim 3 wherein the  
25 registration facility of the bridge web site server stores an e-mail address of the

querying party and transmits it as a part of the query notification signal to the listing party.

19. The web-based personal contact information system of claim 3 wherein the  
5 registration facility of the bridge web site server stores a responses to a questionnaire  
by the querying party and transmits it as a part of the query notification signal to the  
listing party.

20. The web-based personal contact information system of claim 3 wherein the  
10 registration facility of the bridge web site server stores information from the group consisting  
of e-mail address, school(s) attended, credit card number, social security number, telephone  
number or residence of the querying party and transmits it as a part of the query notification  
signal to the listing party.

15 21. The web-based personal contact information system of claim 3 further wherein  
the query notification signal is sent to a listing party's computer as a signal from the group  
consisting of e-mail, e-mail with a voice attachment, or a real time Internet telephone call  
message.

20 22. The web-based personal contact information system of claim 3 further  
comprising:

a database questionnaire signal that is sent to the listing party which prompts the  
listing party to generate a personal information storage signal that indicates the particular  
25 information the listing party would like to make available by the bridge web site server and

stored in the personal contact information directory database; said personal information storage signal comprising personal information sent to and received by the bridge web site server.

5        23.    The web-based personal contact information system of claim 3 further comprising:

the bridge web site server capable of generating a bridge web site that may be accessed by the querying party and the listing party;

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a database questionnaire signal that is sent to the listing party which prompts the listing party to generate a personal information storage signal that indicates the particular information the listing party would like to make available by the bridge web site server and stored in the personal contact information directory database; said personal information storage signal

15 being received by the bridge web site server.

24.    The web-based personal contact information system of claim 3 further comprising: the bridge web site server capable of generating a bridge web site that may be accessed by the querying party and the listing party;

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a database questionnaire signal that is sent to the listing party which prompts the listing party to generate a personal information storage signal that indicates the particular information the listing party would like to make available by the bridge web site server and stored in the personal contact information directory database; said personal information storage signal

25 being received by the bridge web site server.

the personal information storage signal containing information from among the group consisting of the e-mail address of the listing party, the telephone number of the listing party, the fax number of the listing party, the pager number of the listing party, or the street address  
5 of the listing party.

25 . The web-based personal contact information system of claim 3 further comprising:

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a database questionnaire signal that is sent to the listing party; said database questionnaire signal comprising one or more signals sent in any sequence or simultaneously that embodies a request for the personal contact information of the listing party that the listing party would like to have stored in the personal contact information directory, regardless as to whether the  
15 database questionnaire signal is modified or altered along its path to the listing party;

a personal information storage signal that indicates the particular information the listing party would like to have stored in the personal contact information directory database; said personal information storage signal comprising one or more signals sent in any sequence or  
20 simultaneously from the listing party to the bridge web site server that embodies personal contact information that the listing party would like to have stored in the personal contact information directory of the bridge web site server, regardless as to whether the personal information storage signal is modified or altered along its path from the listing party to the bridge web site server.

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26 . The web-based personal contact information system of claim 3 further comprising:

the bridge web site server capable of generating a bridge web site that may be accessed by the  
5 querying party and the listing party;

a database questionnaire signal that is sent to the listing party; said database questionnaire  
signal comprising one or more signals sent in any sequence or simultaneously that embodies  
a request for the personal contact information of the listing party that the listing party would  
10 like to have stored in the personal contact information directory, regardless as to whether the  
database questionnaire signal is modified or altered along its path to the listing party;

a personal information storage signal that indicates the particular information the listing party  
would like to have stored in the personal contact information directory database; said  
15 personal information storage signal comprising one or more signals sent in any sequence or  
simultaneously from the listing party to the bridge web site server that embodies personal  
contact information that the listing party would like to have stored in the personal contact  
information directory of the bridge web site server, regardless as to whether the personal  
information storage signal is modified or altered along its path from the listing party to the  
20 bridge web site server;

the querying signal received by the bridge web site server being generated by the querying  
party using a querying party's computer having a web browser and modem for accessing the  
bridge web site; said modem of the querying party's computer comprising of any device that  
25 allows one computer to communicate with a remote computer;

the consent/no consent signal received by the bridge web site server being generated by the listing party using a listing party's computer having a web browser and modem for accessing the bridge web site; said modem of the listing party's comprising of any device that allows  
5 one computer to communicate with a remote computer.

27. The web-based personal contact information system of claim 3 further comprising:

the bridge web site server capable of generating a bridge web site that may be accessed by the  
10 querying party and the listing party;

a database questionnaire signal that is sent to the listing party; said database questionnaire signal comprising one or more signals sent in any sequence or simultaneously that embodies a request for the personal contact information of the listing party that the listing party would  
15 like to have stored in the personal contact information directory, regardless as to whether the database questionnaire signal is modified or altered along its path to the listing party;

a personal information storage signal that indicates the particular information the listing party would like to have stored in the personal contact information directory database; said  
20 personal information storage signal comprising one or more signals sent in any sequence or simultaneously from the listing party to the bridge web site server that embodies personal contact information that the listing party would like to have stored in the personal contact information directory of the bridge web site server, regardless as to whether the personal information storage signal is modified or altered along its path from the listing party to the  
25 bridge web site server;

the personal information storage signal containing information from among the group consisting of the e-mail address of the listing party, the telephone number of the listing party, the fax number of the listing party, the pager number of the listing party, or the street address  
5 of the listing party.

the querying signal received by the bridge web site server being generated by the querying party using a querying party's computer having a web browser and modem for accessing the bridge web site; said modem of the querying party's computer comprising of any device that  
10 allows one computer to communicate with a remote computer;

the consent/no consent signal received by the bridge web site server being generated by the listing party using a listing party's computer having a web browser and modem for accessing the bridge web site; said modem of the listing party's comprising of any device that allows  
15 one computer to communicate with a remote computer;

the query notification signal sent to a listing party's computer as a signal from the group consisting of e-mail, e-mail with a voice attachment, or a real time Internet telephone call message.  
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28. The web-based personal contact information system of claim 3 wherein the personal contact information signal conforms to the TCP/IP protocol.

29. The web-based personal contact information system of claim 3 wherein the personal  
25 contact information is received by a telephonic peripheral of the querying party.

30. The web-based personal contact information system of claim 3 wherein the personal contact information contained in the personal contact information signal is in the form of telephone call to a pager with a screen display.

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31. The web-based personal contact information system of claim 3 wherein the personal contact information contained in the personal contact information signal is in the form a voice telephone call.

10 32. The web-based personal contact information system of claim 3 wherein the personal contact information contained in the personal contact information signal is in the form an analog voice telephone call.

15 33. The web-based personal contact information system of claim 3 wherein the personal contact information signal is sent to a telephonic peripheral of the querying party.

34. The web-based personal contact information system of claim 3 wherein the personal contact information contained in the query notification signal is in the form of an analog  
20 telephone call to a pager with a screen display to the querying party.

35. The web-based personal contact information system of claim 3 wherein the personal contact information contained in the personal contact information signal sent to the querying party is in the form of a voice telephone call.

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36. The web-based personal contact information system of claim 3 wherein the query notification signal is sent to a listing party's telephonic peripheral.

37. The web-based personal contact information system of claim 3 wherein the query  
5 notification signal is sent to a listing party's pager.

38. The web-based personal contact information system of claim 3 wherein the query notification signal is sent to a telephone with a screen display.

10 39. The web-based personal contact information system of claim 3 wherein the query notification signal is sent to a listing party's analog telephone.

40. The web-based personal contact information system of claim 3 wherein the query notification signal is sent to a listing party's cellular or digital telephone.

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41. The web-based personal contact information system of claim 3 wherein the query notification signal is sent to a listing party's telephonic peripheral and the consent/no consent signal is sent from the listing party's telephonic peripheral.

20 42. The web-based personal contact information system of claim 3 wherein the query notification signal is sent to a listing party's voice telephone and the consent/no consent signal is sent from the listing party's voice telephone.

43. The web-based personal contact information system of claim 3 wherein the query notification signal is sent to a listing party's analog voice telephone and the consent/no consent signal is sent from the listing party's analog voice telephone.

5        44. The web-based personal contact information system of claim 3 wherein the query notification signal is sent to a listing party's telephone with a screen display and the consent/no consent signal is sent from the listing party's telephone with a screen display.

45. A web-based personal contact information system comprising:

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a bridge web site server located on the Internet; said bridge web site server comprising any computer, sub-component of a computer, or group of computers, or any combination thereof, that possesses the capacity of maintaining a client/server environment on the Internet;

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said bridge web site server having a personal contact information directory database that is capable of storing personal contact information of a listing party;

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said bridge web site server receiving a parameter requirements signal generated by the listing party that is sent to the bridge web site server; said parameter requirements signal comprising one or more signals sent in any sequence or simultaneously to the bridge web site server that embodies established parameters wherein certain, if any, personal contact information contained in the personal contact information directory database of a bridge web site server will be sent to a querying party, regardless as to whether the parameter

requirements signal is modified or altered along its path from the listing party to the bridge web site server;

5 said bridge web site server receiving a request for information signal comprising one or more signals sent in any sequence or simultaneously from the querying party that embodies a request for the personal contact information of the listing party, regardless as to whether the querying signal is modified or altered along its path from the querying party to the bridge web site server;

10 said bridge web site server generating a questionnaire signal for the querying party that is sent to the querying party; said questionnaire signal for the query party comprising one or more signals sent in any sequence or simultaneously sent from the bridge web site server that embodies a questionnaire for the querying, regardless as to whether the questionnaire signal for the querying party is modified or altered along its path from the bridge web site server to the querying party;

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said bridge web site server receiving a questionnaire response signal from the querying party; said questionnaire response signal from the query party comprising one or more signals sent in any sequence or simultaneously sent to the bridge web site server from the querying party that embodies a response to the questionnaire by the querying party,  
20 regardless as to whether the questionnaire response signal from the querying party is modified or altered along its path from the querying party to the bridge web site server.

46. The web-based personal contact information system of claim 45 further comprising:

said bridge web site sever generating a personal contact information signal; said personal contact information signal sent to the querying party; said personal contact information signal containing the personal contact information of the listing party that was directed to be sent to the querying party according to dictates of the parameter requirements signal  
5 generated by the listing party and the response to the questionnaire embodied in the questionnaire response signal from the query party; said personal contact information signal comprising one or more signals sent in any sequence or simultaneously to the querying party that embodies the personal contact information that is to be sent to the querying party, regardless as to whether the personal contact information signal is  
10 modified or altered along its path from the bridge web site server to the listing party.

47. The web-based personal contact information system of claim 46 further comprising:  
said personal contact information signal containing information from among the group consisting of the e-mail address of the listing party, the telephone number of the listing  
15 party, the fax number of the listing party, the pager number of the listing party, or the street address of the listing party.

48. The web-based personal contact information system of claim 45 further comprising:  
20 said parameter requirements signal being generated by a listing party's computer;  
  
said questionnaire signal for the querying party being received by a querying party's computer;

said query signal and said questionnaire response signal from the querying party being generated by the querying party's computer.

49. The web-based personal contact information system of claim 45 further comprising:

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said parameter requirements signal being generated by a listing party's computer having a web browser and modem;

said questionnaire signal for the querying party being received by a querying party's  
10 computer having a web browser and modem; said modem of the querying party's computer comprising of any device that allows one computer to communicate with a remote computer.

said query signal and said questionnaire response signal from the querying party being  
15 generated by the querying party's computer having a web and modem.

50. The web-based personal contact information system of claim 45 further comprising:

20 a database questionnaire signal that is sent to the listing party; said database questionnaire signal comprising one or more signals sent in any sequence or simultaneously that embodies a request for the personal contact information of the listing party that the listing party would like to have stored in the personal contact information directory, regardless as to whether the database questionnaire signal is modified or altered  
25 along its path from the bridge web site server to the listing party.

51. The web-based personal contact information system of claim 46 further comprising:

5 the bridge web site server capable of generating a bridge web site that may be accessed by the querying party and the listing party;

a database questionnaire signal that is sent to the listing party; said database questionnaire signal comprising one or more signals sent in any sequence or  
10 simultaneously that embodies a request for the personal contact information of the listing party that the listing party would like to have stored in the personal contact information directory, regardless as to whether the database questionnaire signal is modified or altered along its path to the listing party;

15 a personal information storage signal that indicates the particular information the listing party would like to have stored in the personal contact information directory database; said personal information storage signal comprising one or more signals sent in any sequence or simultaneously from the listing party to the bridge web site server that embodies personal contact information that the listing party would like to have stored in  
20 the personal contact information directory of the bridge web site server, regardless as to whether the personal information storage signal is modified or altered along its path from the listing party to the bridge web site server;

the request for information signal and the questionnaire response from the query party received by the bridge web site server being generated by the querying party using a querying party's computer.

- 5 the querying party's computer having a web browser and modem for accessing the bridge web site; said modem of the querying party's computer comprising of any device that allows one computer to communicate with a remote computer;

- 10 said parameter requirements signal and personal information storage signal generated by the listing party's computer; said listing party's computer having a web browser and modem for accessing the bridge web site; said modem of the listing party's comprising of any device that allows one computer to communicate with a remote computer.

52. The web-based personal contact information system of claim 46 further comprising:

- 15 said personal contact information signal providing complete disclosure of the listing party's personal contact information, based upon the parameter requirements signal generated by the listing party and the questionnaire response signal generated by the querying party

- 20 53. The web-based personal contact information system of claim 45 further comprising:

said personal contact information signal providing partial disclosure of the personal contact information, based upon the parameter requirements signal generated by the listing party and the questionnaire response signal generated by the querying party

54. The web-based personal contact information system of claim 45 further comprising:

said personal contact information signal denying any disclosure of personal contact information but notifying the querying party that they will contact the querying party  
5 directly, based upon the parameter requirements signal generated by the listing party and the questionnaire response signal generated by the querying party

55. The web-based personal contact information system of claim 45 further comprising:

10 said personal contact information signal denying any disclosure of personal information and requesting more complete identification information from the querying party by sending another questionnaire signal for the querying party which will prompt the querying party for more information, based upon the parameter requirements signal generated by the listing party and the questionnaire response signal generated by the  
15 querying party

56. The web-based personal contact information system of claim 45 further comprising:

said personal contact information signal deny any disclosure but sending a message to  
20 the querying party, based upon the parameter requirements signal generated by the listing party and the questionnaire response signal generated by the querying party

57. The web-based personal contact information system of claim 45 further comprising:



said personal contact information signal denying any disclosure and not responding in any other way to the querying party by way of an additional message, based upon the parameter requirements signal generated by the listing party and the questionnaire response signal generated by the querying party

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58. The web-based personal contact information system of claim 45 wherein the parameter for releasing personal contact information is the name of the querying party.

59. The web-based personal contact information system of claim 45 wherein the  
10 parameter for releasing personal contact information is a demographic profile of the querying party.

60. The web-based personal contact information system of claim 45 wherein the  
15 parameter for releasing personal contact information is the address (be it street address, zip code, or geographical area) of the querying party.

61. The web-based personal contact information system of claim 45 wherein the  
20 parameter for releasing personal contact information is the educational history of the querying party.

62. The web-based personal contact information system of claim 45 wherein the  
25 parameter for releasing personal contact information is the present school of the querying party.

63. The web-based personal contact information system of claim 45 wherein the parameter for releasing personal contact information is the employment history of the querying party.

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64. The web-based personal contact information system of claim 45 wherein the parameter for releasing personal contact information is the present employment of the querying party.

10 65. The web-based personal contact information system of claim 45 wherein the parameter for releasing personal contact information is the club membership of the querying party.

15 66. The web-based personal contact information system of claim 45 wherein the parameter for releasing personal contact information is the interest of the querying party.

67. The web-based personal contact information system of claim 45 wherein the parameter for releasing personal contact information is the religion of the querying party.

20 68. The web-based personal contact information system of claim 45 wherein the parameter for releasing personal contact information is the parish affiliation of the querying party.

25 69. The web-based personal contact information system of claim 45 wherein the parameter for releasing personal contact information is the gender of the querying party

70. The web-based personal contact information system of claim 45 wherein the parameter for releasing personal contact information is the family relation of the querying party.

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71. The web-based personal contact information system of claim 45 wherein the parameter for releasing personal contact information is the password known by the querying party

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72. The web-based personal contact information system of claim 45 wherein the parameter for releasing personal contact information is based on a systematic weighing of parameters of the querying party.

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73. A method of providing personal contact information comprising:

receiving a parameter requirements signal containing information as to what personal contact information should be made available to a querying party based upon a response to a questionnaire;

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receiving a querying signal embodying a request for personal contact information of the listing party;

sending a questionnaire signal to the querying party asking for information regarding the

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querying party;

receiving a questionnaire response signal from the querying party providing answers to the questionnaire;

- 5      sending a personal contact information signal to a querying party based upon the received questionnaire response signal containing responses to a questionnaire and the parameter requirements established in the parameter requirement signal.

74. The method of claim 73 wherein the parameter requirements signal, the querying  
10      signal, the questionnaire signal to the querying party, the questionnaire response signal from the querying party, and the personal contact information signal to the querying party are all sent over the Internet.

75. A method of proving personal contact information comprising:

- 15      receiving a querying signal generated over the Internet by a querying party; said querying signal comprising one or more signals sent in any sequence or simultaneously from the querying party that embodies both a request for the personal contact information of a listing party and also embodies a communication of identifying information about the  
20      querying party;

generating a query notification signal over the Internet that notifies the listing party that there has been a query for the personal information of the listing party; said query notification signal notifying the listing party of the communication of identifying  
25      information of the listing party; said query notification signal comprising one or more

signals sent in any sequence or simultaneously to the listing party that embodies both a request for the personal contact information of the listing party and also embodies a communication of identifying information about the querying party.

5      76. The method of claim 75 further comprising:

receiving a consent/no consent signal over the Internet from the listing party; said consent/no consent signal directing what, if any, personal contact information is to be sent to the querying party; said consent/no consent signal comprising one or more signals sent  
10      in any sequence or simultaneously from the listing party that embodies an instruction as to what personal information, if any, is to be sent to the querying party.

77. The method of claim 76 further comprising:

15      generating a personal contact information signal over the Internet to the querying party; said personal contact information signal containing the personal contact information of the listing party that was directed to be sent to the querying party according to dictates of the consent/no consent signal generated by the listing party; said personal contact information signal comprising one or more signals sent in any sequence or simultaneously  
20      to the querying party that embodies the personal information that is to be sent to the querying party.

78. The method of claim 77 further comprising the step of generating a bridge web site that may be accessed by the querying party.

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79. The method of claim 78 wherein both the querying signal and the consent/no consent signal follows the TCP/Internet Protocol.

80. The method of claim 77 further comprising:

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the personal contact information database containing an e-mail address of the listing party; the personal contact information signal containing the e-mail address of the listing party pursuant to the instruction of the consent/no consent signal generated by they listing party.

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81. The method of claim 77 further comprising:

the personal contact information database containing a telephone number of the listing party; the personal contact information signal containing the telephone number of the listing party pursuant to the instruction of the consent/no consent signal generated by they listing party.

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82. The method of claim 77 further comprising:

the personal contact information database containing a street address of the listing party; the personal contact information signal containing the street address of the listing party pursuant to the instruction of the consent/no consent signal generated by they listing party.

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83. The method of claim 77 further comprising:

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the personal contact information database containing a fax number of the listing party; the personal contact information signal containing the fax number of the listing party pursuant to the instruction of the consent/no consent signal generated by they listing party.

84. The method of claim 77 further comprising:

the personal contact information database containing a pager number of the listing party; the personal contact information signal containing the pager number of the listing party pursuant to the instruction of the consent/no consent signal generated by they listing party.

85. The method of claim 77 further comprising:

the personal contact information database containing a time and place that the listing party will be available; the personal contact information signal the time and place that the listing party will be available pursuant to the instruction of the consent/no consent signal generated by they listing party.

86. The method of claim 77 wherein the querying signal is generated by the querying party using a querying party's computer.

87. The method of claim 77 further comprising the step of generating a bridge web site that may be accessed by the querying party, wherein the querying signal is generated by the querying party using a querying party's computer having a web browser and modem; said modem of the querying party's computer comprising of any device that allows one computer  
5 to communicate with a remote computer.

88. The method of claim 77 further comprising the step of generating a bridge web site that may be accessed by the listing party, wherein the consent/no consent signal is generated by the listing party using a listing party's computer having a web browser and modem; said  
10 modem of the listing party's comprising of any device that allows one computer to communicate with a remote computer.

89. The method of claim 77 further comprising the step of generating a bridge web site that may be accessed by the querying party; wherein:

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the querying signal is generated by the querying party using a querying party's computer having a web browser and modem; said modem of the querying party's computer comprising of any device that allows one computer to communicate with a remote computer;

20 the consent/no consent signal is generated by the listing party using a listing party's computer having a web browser and modem; said modem of the listing party's comprising of any device that allows one computer to communicate with a remote computer.

90. The method of claim 77 further comprising the step of generating a bridge web site that  
25 may be accessed by the querying party wherein:



the querying signal is generated by the querying party using a querying party's computer having a web browser and modem; said modem of the querying party's computer comprising of any device that allows one computer to communicate with a remote computer;

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the consent/no consent signal is generated by the listing party using a listing party's computer having a web browser and modem; said modem of the listing party's comprising of any device that allows one computer to communicate with a remote computer;

10 said querying signal, consent/no consent signal, personal contact information signal and query notification signal following the TCP/Internet Protocol.

91. The method of claim 77 further comprising the step of storing a name of the querying party and transmitting it as a part of the query notification signal to the listing party.

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92. The method of claim 77 further comprising the step storing an e-mail address of the querying party and transmitting it as a part of the query notification signal to the listing party.

93. The method of claim 77 further comprising the step of storing a responses to a  
20 questionnaire by the querying party and transmitting it as a part of the query notification signal to the listing party.

94. The method of claim 77 further comprising the step of storing information from the group consisting of e-mail address, school(s) attended, credit card number, social security number,

telephone number or residence of the querying party and transmits it as a part of the query notification signal to the listing party.

95. The method of claim 77 wherein the query notification signal is sent to a listing party's  
5 computer as a signal from the group consisting of e-mail, e-mail with a voice attachment, or a real time Internet telephone call message.

96. The method of claim 77 further comprising:

10 generating a database questionnaire signal that is sent over the Internet to the listing party which prompts the listing party to generate a personal information storage signal that indicates the particular information the listing party would like to make available.

97. The method of claim 77 further comprising the steps of:

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generating a bridge web site that may be accessed by the querying party and the listing party;

generating a database questionnaire signal that is sent over the Internet to the listing party which prompts the listing party to generate a personal information storage signal that is sent  
20 over the Internet and that indicates the particular information the listing party would like to make available to the querying party.

98. The method of claim 77 further comprising the steps of:

25 generating a bridge web site that may be accessed by the querying party and the listing party;

generating a database questionnaire signal that is sent over the Internet to the listing party which prompts the listing party to generate a personal information storage signal over the Internet that indicates the particular information the listing party would like to make available  
5 to the querying party; wherein:

the personal information storage signal containing information from among the group consisting of the e-mail address of the listing party, the telephone number of the listing party, the fax number of the listing party, the pager number of the listing party, or the street address  
10 of the listing party.

99 . The method of claim 77 further comprising:

generating a database questionnaire signal over the Internet that is sent to the listing party;  
15 said database questionnaire signal comprising one or more signals sent in any sequence or simultaneously that embodies a request for the personal contact information of the listing party;

receiving a personal information storage signal over the Internet that indicates the particular  
20 information the listing party would like to have stored; said personal information storage signal comprising one or more signals sent in any sequence or simultaneously from the listing party that embodies personal contact information that the listing party would like to have stored.

100 . The method of claim 77 further comprising the steps of:

generating a bridge web site that may be accessed by the querying party and the listing party;

5 generating a database questionnaire signal over the Internet that is sent to the listing party;  
said database questionnaire signal comprising one or more signals sent in any sequence or  
simultaneously that embodies a request for the personal contact information of the listing  
party that the listing party would like to have stored;

10 receiving a personal information storage signal over the Internet that indicates the particular  
information the listing party would like to have stored; said personal information storage  
signal comprising one or more signals sent in any sequence or simultaneously from the listing  
party that embodies personal contact information that the listing party would like to have  
stored; wherein:

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the querying signal is generated by the querying party using a querying party's computer  
having a web browser and modem; said modem of the querying party's computer  
comprising of any device that allows one computer to communicate with a remote  
computer;

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the consent/no consent signal is generated by the listing party using a listing party's  
computer having a web browser and modem; said modem of the listing party's  
comprising of any device that allows one computer to communicate with a remote  
computer.

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101. The method of claim 77 further comprising:

generating a bridge web site that may be accessed by the querying party and the listing party;

5 generating a database questionnaire signal that is sent to the listing party over the Internet;  
said database questionnaire signal comprising one or more signals sent in any sequence or  
simultaneously that embodies a request for the personal contact information of the listing  
party that the listing party would like to have stored;

10 receiving a personal information storage signal that indicates the particular information the  
listing party would like to have; said personal information storage signal comprising one or  
more signals sent in any sequence or simultaneously from the listing party that embodies  
personal contact information that the listing party would like to have stored; wherein:

15 the personal information storage signal containing information is comprised from among the  
group consisting of the e-mail address of the listing party, the telephone number of the listing  
party, the fax number of the listing party, the pager number of the listing party, or the street  
address of the listing party;

20 the querying signal is generated by the querying party using a querying party's  
computer having a web browser and modem; said modem of the querying party's computer  
comprising of any device that allows one computer to communicate with a remote computer;

the consent/no consent signal is generated by the listing party using a listing party's computer having a web browser and modem; said modem of the listing party's comprising of any device that allows one computer to communicate with a remote computer;

5 the query notification signal sent to a listing party's computer as a signal from the group consisting of e-mail, e-mail with a voice attachment, or a real time Internet telephone call message.

102. The method of claim 77 wherein the personal contact information signal conforms  
10 to the TCP/IP protocol.

103. The method of claim 77 wherein the personal contact information is received by a telephonic peripheral of the querying party.

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104. The method of claim 77 wherein the personal contact information contained in the personal contact information signal is in the form of telephone call to a pager with a screen display.

20 105. The method of claim 77 wherein the personal contact information contained in the personal contact information signal is in the form a voice telephone call.

106. The method of claim 77 wherein the personal contact information contained in the personal contact information signal is in the form an analog voice telephone call.

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107. The method of claim 77 wherein the personal contact information signal is sent to a telephonic peripheral of the querying party.

5        108. The method of claim 77 wherein the personal contact information contained in the query notification signal is in the form of an analog telephone call to a pager with a screen display to the querying party.

109. The method of claim 77 wherein the personal contact information contained in the  
10 personal contact information signal sent to the querying party is in the form a voice telephone call.

110. The method of claim 77 wherein the query notification signal is sent to a listing party's telephonic peripheral.

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111. The method of claim 77 wherein the query notification signal is sent to a listing party's pager.

112. The method of claim 77 wherein the query notification signal is sent to a telephone  
20 with a screen display.

113. The method of claim 77 wherein the query notification signal is sent to a listing party's analog telephone.

114. The method of claim 77 wherein the query notification signal is sent to a listing party's cellular or digital telephone.

115. The method of claim 77 wherein the query notification signal is sent to a listing party's telephonic peripheral and the consent/no consent signal is sent from the listing party's telephonic peripheral.

116. The method of claim 77 wherein the query notification signal is sent to a listing party's voice telephone and the consent/no consent signal is sent from the listing party's voice telephone.

117. The method of claim 77 wherein the query notification signal is sent to a listing party's analog voice telephone and the consent/no consent signal is sent from the listing party's analog voice telephone.

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118. The method of claim 77 wherein the query notification signal is sent to a listing party's telephone with a screen display and the consent/no consent signal is sent from the listing party's telephone with a screen display.

20 119. A method of screening personal contact information comprising:

receiving a querying signal embodying a request for personal contact information of a listing party;



receiving a consent/no consent signal establishing what personal contact information will be made available to a querying party.

120.The method of claim 119 further comprising:

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generating a query notification signal that is sent to a listing party which notifies the listing party of the existence of a query for personal contact information of the listing party and which provides identifying information about the querying party;

10 generating a personal contact information signal that is sent to a querying party that provides the personal contact information that the listing party desired to make available to the querying party.

121.The method of claim 120 further comprising the step of generating a bridge web site.

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122.The method of claim 120 further comprising the steps of generating a database questionnaire signal and receiving a personal information storage signal.

123.The method of claim 119 wherein both the stops of receiving a querying signal  
20 embodying a request for personal contact information of a listing party and receiving a consent/no consent signal establishing what personal contact information will be made available to a querying party are *not* performed over the Internet.

124.The method of claim 119 wherein both the stops of receiving a querying signal  
25 embodying a request for personal contact information of a listing party and receiving

a consent/no consent signal establishing what personal contact information will be made available to a querying party *are* performed over the Internet.

125. The method of claim 120 wherein both the stops of receiving a querying signal  
5        embodying a request for personal contact information of a listing party and receiving  
a consent/no consent signal establishing what personal contact information will be  
made available to a querying party *are not* performed over the Internet; and wherein  
both the steps of generating a query notification signal that is sent to a listing party  
which notifies the listing party of the existence of a query for personal contact  
10        information of the listing party and which provides identifying information about the  
querying party *are not* performed over the Internet.

126. The method of claim 120 wherein both the stops of receiving a querying signal  
embodying a request for personal contact information of a listing party and receiving  
15        a consent/no consent signal establishing what personal contact information will be  
made available to a querying party *are* performed over the Internet; and wherein both  
the steps of generating a query notification signal that is sent to a listing party which  
notifies the listing party of the existence of a query for personal contact information  
of the listing party and which provides identifying information about the querying  
20        party *are* performed over the Internet.

127. The method of claim 122 wherein both the stops of receiving a querying signal-  
embodying a request for personal contact information of a listing party and receiving  
a consent/no consent signal establishing what personal contact information will be  
25        made available to a querying party *are not* performed over the Internet; and wherein

both the steps of generating a query notification signal that is sent to a listing party which notifies the listing party of the existence of a query for personal contact information of the listing party and which provides identifying information about the querying party are *not* performed over the Internet; and wherein the steps of generating a database questionnaire signal and receiving a personal information storage signal are *not* performed over the Internet.

128. The method of claim 122 wherein both the steps of receiving a querying signal embodying a request for personal contact information of a listing party and receiving a consent/no consent signal establishing what personal contact information will be made available to a querying party *are* performed over the Internet; and wherein both the steps of generating a query notification signal that is sent to a listing party which notifies the listing party of the existence of a query for personal contact information of the listing party and which provides identifying information about the querying party *are* performed over the Internet; and wherein the steps of generating a database questionnaire signal and receiving a personal information storage signal *are* performed over the Internet.

129. A web-based personal contact information system comprising:

a bridge web site server having a personal contact information database; said bridge web site server comprising any computer, sub-component of a computer, or group of computers, or any combination thereof, that possesses the capacity of maintaining a client/server environment on the Internet;

means for screening which personal contact information will be received by a querying party by establishing questionnaire parameters.

130.A web-based personal contact information system comprising:

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a bridge web site server having a personal contact information database; said bridge web site server comprising any computer, sub-component of a computer, or group of computers, or any combination thereof, that possesses the capacity of maintaining a client/server environment on the Internet;

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means for screening which personal contact information will be received by a querying party by having the listing party screen individual queries for personal information.